

House Resolution No. 61

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are proud to recognize the meritorious accomplishments of an outstanding public servant who has placed himself in harm's way on numerous occasions to ensure public safety; and

Whereas, Captain Jack Benson of the South Metro Fire District was named the 2003 Firefighter of the Year during the District's annual family holiday party and awards banquet held on December 20, 2003, at its fire headquarters in Raymore, Missouri; and

Whereas, a member of the South Metro Fire District for seven years, Jack Benson has distinguished himself as the founder and coordinator for the fire district's junior firefighter program and has sacrificed countless hours of off-duty time to many construction projects within the fire district's facilities; and

Whereas, Jack Benson has also enjoyed recognition by serving as President of South Metro Fire Fighters Local 3112 (IAFF) and by dedicating a substantial amount of his personal time to regional camps for children with Tourette's Syndrome; and

Whereas, Jack Benson is known, admired, and respected for his tireless endeavors to protect the property and lives of all citizens in and around the South Metro area; and

Whereas, Jack Benson is an individual who chose to follow his dream and embrace a worthwhile vocational calling which has provided a means to express his deep sense of community, compassion for fellow Americans, and the desire to preserve the safety of home and hearth:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Captain Jack Benson upon his well-deserved selection for the South Metro Firefighter of the Year award, and in wishing him continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Fire Captain Jack Benson, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Baker
District No. 123

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 61, adopted January 14, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker